Rural Industries in Bihar

3716. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Agro and Rural industries in Bihar;

(b) the investment made in those industries;

(c) the total turn over of those industries during the last year; and

(d) the proposals for increasing the Agro and Rural industries in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) (a) Agro and rural industries in Bihar have been classified into seven broad groups as per details given in Statement I (see below).

(b) The investment made in village industries set up in Bihar under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and banks, as on 15 January 2005 are given in Statement II (see below).

(c) The total turnover (sale value) of village industries, including those set up under the REGP, in Bihar during 2004-05 (up to 15 January 2005) is Rs. 224.82 crore (provisional).

(d) During 2003-04 and 2004-05 (up to 15 January 2005), 88 and 133 projects respectively were set up under the REGP. For the current year, 2005-06, the target of setting up of 450 village industry units in Bihar has been fixed under the REGP. The steps initiated for better performance in the Bihar under the REGP include communication of district-wise and bank-wise target of REGP well in advance, allocation of 40 per cent of target for food and agro-based industries, earmarking of 30 per cent of target for women beneficiaries, providing support services under backward-forward linkages, earmarking of 25 per cent of stalls in each exhibition for the weaker section beneficiaries, including women entrepreneurs, etc. In addition, KVIC has also opened a Rural Industries Consultancy Service (RICS) Cell at its State Office at Patna to guide the entrepreneurs in setting up village industry units.

Statement-I

Details of Category-wise Agro and Rural Industries in the State of Bihar assisted under the REGP

1. Chemical Based Industry

* Cottage matches
* Candle
* PVC insulated wires and cables
* PVC pipes
* Cottage soap
* Packing items (plastic)

2. Food & Agro Based Industry

* Ghani oil
* Indian sweets making
* Milk products
* Soft drinks
* Power atta chakki
* Masala udyog
* Cashew processing unit
* Fruit & vegetable processing
* Mini rice mill
* Cattle feed
* Cane Gur & khandsari
* Bakery products

3. Forest Based Industry

* Ayurvedic medicines
* Bee-keeping
* Honey or wax making
* Photo frame making

4. Handmade Paper & Fibre Industry

* Handmade paper & tharmacol
* Exercise book binding

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* Paper cups

5. Mineral Based Industry

* Brick kiln
* Cement blocks/hollow blocks
* Lime stone/lime shell and other lime products
* Stone cutting
* Paints
* Polishing granite stone slabs/granite crushing

6. Rural Engineering & Bio-Technology Industry

* Blacksmithy
* Engineering workshop
* Fabrication work
* Iron grill making
* Manure and methane
* Wirenets
* Carpentry
* Carved wood & artistic furniture
* Wood work
* Motor winding
* Steel grills
* Goldsmithy/Jewellery
* Engineering instruments & fabrication works

7. Service Industry

* Auto service centre
* Dhabas (Not serving liquor)
* Electronics
* Repairs to diesel engines, pumpsets, etc.
* Servicing of electric wiring and electronic equipment
* Sofa repairs
* Sweet stall
* Tailoring and readymade garments
* Video & photo studio
* Hosiery

* Tyre vulcanizing
* Cycle repairing
* TV. Repairing
* Hiring sound system
* Screen printing in cotton textile fabrics
* Herbal beauty parlour
* Tea stall
* Offset printing & binding
* Cable/TV/network on computer centre

Statement-II

Group-wise investment made under REGP in Bihar (upto 15 January 2005)

Industry Group	*Rs. lakh* (Estimated)
Food & Agro Based Industry	374.08
Forest Based Industry	88.45
Handmade Paper & Fibre Industry	0
Mineral based Industry	291.76
Polymer and Chemical based Industry	20.13
Rural Engineering & Biotechnology Industry	366.17
Service/Tex.	829.43
TOTAL:	1970.02

World Bank Assistance for Utilization of Atomic Energy

†3717. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank is encouraging the secured utilization of the atomic energy;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.